Indo-Soviet Air Accord

2301. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: *Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION* AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Soviet air accord has been extended; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) An Agreement relating to air services was signed between India and USSR on June 2, 1958 and it shall remain in force until six months after the receipt by one Contracting Party of a notice given by the other Contracting Party of its intention to terminate the Agreement. Therefore the question of extending this agreement does not arise.

(b) Does not arise.

Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, New Delhi

2302. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Institute of Public Health and Hygiene New Delhi is conducting a one year diploma course in Public Health and Sanitation Technology and that it claims that the level of their syllabus and course of study are much higher than the syllabus of Sanitary Inspectors' diploma course and diploma course in Sanitation and Public Health of the Board of Technical Education, Delhi;

(b) whether the said Institute has applied to the Board of Technical Education, Delhi and Medical and Public Health Department of Delhi Administration for grant of recognisation to the diploma awarded by them or for considering their diploma as an additionl or preferential qualification for recruitment to the posts of Sanitary|Malaria|Food|Health Inspectors and Basic Health Workers Basis Extension Educator or Multipurpose Health Workers in Delhi; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what is the policy of Government and the Delhi Administration in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) It is a fact that the Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, New Delhi offers a diploma course in Public Health and Sanitation Technology. The Board of Technical Education, Delhi is not conducting any examination for the award of Diploma Course in Sanitation and Public Health Engineering.

(b) The said institute has applied to the Board of Technical Education, Delhi and Medical & Public Health Department, Delhi Administration for the grant of recognition to their diploma for recruitment.

(c) As per information received from Delhi Administration, no diploma offered by the Institute of Public Health and Hygiene. New Delhi or any other institution is presently recognised by Medical and Public Health Department, Delhi Administration for purposes of appointment to the posts of Sanitary Inspectors in the Local Bodies. All the Local Bodies of the Union Territory of Delhi have been directed to conduct suitable written or oral or any other test of the candidates as may be considered necessary for appointment to the post Sanitary Inspectors.

High Power Committee on Women Labour

2303. PROF. C LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a High Power Committee on Women Labour has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so what are the main recommendations of the committee; and

(c) what follow-up measures are being taken by Government to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTHS AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Government had appointed a National Commission on Self-Employed Women and Women in the Informal Secotor, which submitted its report in July, 1988.

(b) A statement is laid on the table of the House. (*See* below)).

(c) Recommendations are under consideration.

Statement

The main recommendations made in the report are as follows:—

(i) All data collecting efforts should enlarge the definition of women workers to include all socially productive and reproductive labour paid and unpaid performed within the home or outside as an employee or on own account.

(ii) The Mahila Mandals need to be energised which could provide a network throughout the country through which women could be organised.

(iii) At least 50 per cent of the development plans should flow to women in view of their contribution to family income and national income.

(iv) The women should be given control over assets, which can make their economic ventures viable in the long term.

(v) 30 per cent reservations in training programmes should be made for women.

(vi) In the State Governments, the responsibility for planning, coordinating, monitoring, evaluation of women's programmes should be entrusted to an officer of the rank of Financial Commissioner.

(vii) Setting up of an exclusive credit for women, which should be effectively linked with voluntary agencies.

(viii) Alternative channels for providing marketing outlets for women need to be explored like consumer societies, cooperative societies, super market, State Emporia etc.

(ix) The right to employment should be made a fundamental right and this should be coupled with a right to a reasonable wage.

(x) Setting up of Equal Opportunities Commission with teeth to oversee the implementation of laws and policies involving women.

(xi) Establishment of Tripartite. Boards on which workers will have as many representatives as the Government and employers with women workers getting representation in proportion to their numerical strength.

(xii) Setting up of a Central Fund from which welfare and social security measures for women could be financed.

(xiii) Providing Child Care and Supportive services to women.

(xiv) Measures for sensitisation of administrative machinery for bringing women into the mainstream of development.

Fewer Tourists from Russia due to lower hotel capacity

2304. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to shortage of hotel capacity as well as air capacity, tourism between India and Soviet Union has been affected and is likely to lead to stagnation in a few years;